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SUBJ: CUBAN SANCTIONS

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1. REFTTEL A COMBINED WITH LOPEZ' VAGUENESS IN REGARD TO TIMING ON OAS ACTION (PARA 6 REFTTEL B) SUGGESTED DISTURBING POSSIBILITY OF MISUNDERSTANDINGS OR CONFUSION IN TACTICS. I THEREFORE CALLED PRES-ELECT LOPEZ BACK THIS MORNING. I SAID I HAD RECEIVED AN INDICATION (WITHOUT REVEALING SOURCE) THAT GOV UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT A PERMANENT COUNCIL MEETING WOULD BE CALLED WITHIN A WEEK TO ESTABLISH A STUDY COMMISSION WHICH WOULD THEN IN TURN REPORT BACK IN THREE MONTHS. I SAID THAT WHILE I HAD UNDERSTOOD LOPEZ TO SAY THAT HE WOULD PUBLICLY ANNOUNCE COLOMBIA'S SPONSORSHIP OF A STUDY, I DID NOT UNDERSTAND HIM TO INDICATE THAT FORMAL INITIATION OF THE PROCESS WAS CONTEMPLATED THROUGH AN IMMEDIATE COUNCIL MEETING.

2. PRES-ELECT LOPEZ SAID THAT I WAS CORRECT. HE SAID FIRST HE HAD REALLY REACHED NO AGREEMENTS IN CARACAS; THAT HE WAS IN FACT PLANNING TO CALL CARACAS BACK TO EXPLAIN WHAT HE PROPOSED TO DO. HE SAID WHAT HE PLANNED TO SAY PUBLICLY WAS SIMPLY A VAGUE STATEMENT WITHOUT TIMING OR PROCEDURES EXPLAINED, TO THE EFFECT THAT COLOMBIA WOULD CONSULT

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STUDY OF THE MATTER. HE SAID WHAT HE HAD IN MIND WAS THAT INFORMAL

EXCHANGES AND CONSULTATIONS WOULD TAKE PLACE OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKENDS AND A MEETING WOULD BE CONVOKED WHEN IT APPEARED FEASIBLE FOR ALL CONCERNED.

3. I SAID THAT THAT HAD BEEN MY UNERSTANDING AND THAT I WANTED TO REPEAT THAT THE ISSUE OF CONVOKING AN OAS COUNCIL MEETING IMMEDIATELY EVEN TO APPOINT A STUDY COMMISSION WOULD ITSELF PRESENT A VOTING PROBLEM FOR US THAT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT. IT WAS THEREFORE OUR HOPE THAT NO OAS ACTION, EVEN INITIAL, WOULD TAKE PLACE UNTIL NOV. I SAID THT I DID NOT BELIEVE THERE WOULD BE ANY PROBLEM WITH THE KIND OF ANNOUNCEMENT HE PROPOSED TOMAKE OR WITH CONSULTATIONS OR DISCUSSIONS AMONG MEMBER STATES REGARDING PROCEDURES.

4. LOPEZ SAID HE WAS GOING TO CALL CARACAS TO EXPLAIN WHAT HE PROPOSED TO DO. I SAID I WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL INFO HE MAY HAVE. HE ASKED IF I HAD ANYTHING NEW TO PLEASE CALL HIM. VAKY

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